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Dear Parent,

Family Crisis Services in collaboration with a Saint Joseph’s College of Maine Sociology class will be surveying your child on Intimate Relationships. The survey asks about the perceptions of healthy and unhealthy behaviors and interactions among their peers followed by questions on where students can get help if they have questions or concerns about relationships.

The survey is ANONYMOUS so students will not put their names on the surveys and the researchers will not have access to individual participants. The data will be analyzed by Saint Joseph’s College students, the original surveys will be destroyed and the results will be shared with Family Crisis Services and the participating schools.

The purpose of this data collection is to learn how high-schoolers perceive healthy or unhealthy behaviors in relationships. From these findings, Family Crisis Services and schools can recommend programs or information to address incidences of violence, abuse and control within couples and provide support in helping young people develop healthy relationships.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Family Crisis Services at 207-767-4952.

Thank you,

Saint Joseph’s College and Family Crisis Services